
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, AND HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS NETWORK TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO COMMISSION A NEW STUDY SUGGESTING UPDATES TO THE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE FORMULA AND DIFFERENTIATING THE LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, new residential developments within identified
2 school impact districts create additional demand for public
3 school facilities; and
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5 WHEREAS, a study commissioned by the State has identified
6 the land dedication requirement that is consistent with
7 proportionate fair-share principles and the net capital cost of
8 school facilities, excluding land costs, that is consistent with
9 proportionate fair-share principles; and
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11 WHEREAS, section 302A-1601, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 requires new residential developments within designated school
13 impact districts to provide land for schools or pay a fee in
14 lieu of land proportionate to the impacts of the new residential
15 development on existing school facilities; and
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17 WHEREAS, the East Kapolei, University of Hawaii-West Oahu,
18 West Loch, Waipahu, Leeward Community College, Pearl Highlands,
19 Pearlridge, and Halawa Makai rail stations are located in the
20 Leeward Oahu School Impact Fee District; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is analyzing the
23 impact rail stations will have in urban Honolulu from the Middle
24 Street Station to the Ala Moana Station; and
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26 WHEREAS, land dedication for public school facilities over
27 large acreages of land is no longer feasible along the rail
28 transit route; and



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2 WHEREAS, transit-oriented development presents a unique
3 opportunity to redevelop public school buildings or construct
4 new public school buildings; and
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6 WHEREAS, rail transit will provide opportunities for
7 greenfield development around Leeward Oahu rail stations and
8 redevelopment of urban areas; and
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10 WHEREAS, designing new urban schools vertically, similar to
11 other city architecture, will allow the Department of Education,
12 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
13 Charter Schools Network to engage in public-private partnerships
14 that will decrease the cost of new facilities and maintenance;
15 now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
20 Education, State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii
21 Public Charter Schools Network are requested to develop a plan
22 to commission a new study for the purposes of suggesting updates
23 to the school impact fee formula and differentiating land
24 requirements for greenfield development and redevelopment of
25 urban areas; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
28 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
29 Charter Schools Network are requested to establish criteria for
30 identifying appropriate locations for vertical school
31 development; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that vertical school development is
34 not limited to construction of a new Department of Education
35 school, but may also include the use of space in a privately
36 owned building; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
39 State Public Charter School Commission, and Hawaii Public
40 Charter Schools Network submit a report of their findings and
41 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2016; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include any
5 appropriation request necessary for the completion of the study;
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
10 Education, Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
11 Commission, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter
12 Schools Network.

